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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following amended paragraph:

[0021] Thus, the driveline assembly of Figure 1 is a multi-sectional propeller shaft driveline assembly including two propeller shaft portions 9, 10, at least one of which is a propeller shaft having improved structural rigidity in accordance with the present invention. The present invention may also be used to advantage front-wheel drive, all-wheel drive, rear-wheel drive or other four-wheel drive driveline configurations. The improved propeller shaft of the present invention can also be used to advantage driveline assemblies having a singular propeller shaft (omitting the second joint 13), or propeller shaft assemblies having more than two propeller shaft portions. Indeed, due to the improved rigidity, the second joint 13 may not be necessary to provide the desired noise, vibration and harshness (NVH) characteristics of the driveline.